



## MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

**June 2021** – Our monthly MNS meeting for May will be held on Thursday, June 17, beginning at 6 PM. The program for the meeting will be numismatic or non-numismatic collectible show & tell. Safety precautions are being followed and we encourage members to get vaccinated. Please see the president's message on page 2.

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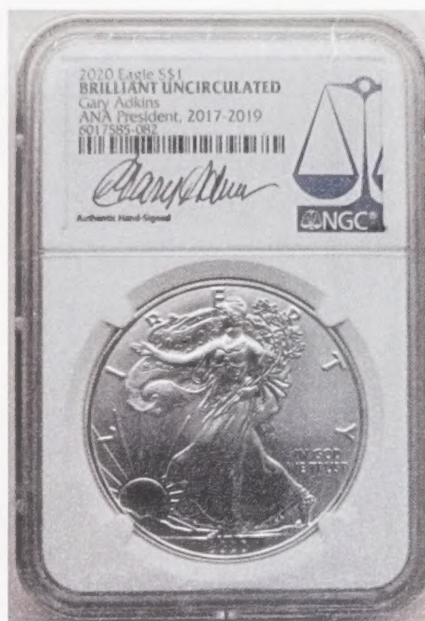
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*The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings in 2021 will be held at 6 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.*

**June Coin of the Month:** This month, we are offering an NGC-certified and encapsulated ANA commemorative pure silver eagle dated 2020, signed by Gary Adkins. A fantastic BU item, and I'm sure it's a limited edition. Starting bid is just \$50.





## June 2021 MNS President's Message

The auction held at last month's meeting for a variety of items was a lot of fun and filled with surprises as usual. A total of 48 lots were offered, with a large majority of them going home with new collectors. The total realized on all combined lots came to \$249.00, so bidding was relatively strong, and there were indeed bargains to be had. We will look forward to holding another auction in the fall.

The event to look forward to at the June meeting is generalized show and tell, with an emphasis on non-numismatic related items from your collection. I can say that I will be bringing in a sample of something from my collection very different but with a unique numismatic twist. Be sure to come to the meeting and find out what it is!

For those of you that attended the Club outing a few years ago to the art museum in Wausau that featured the paper money exhibit of Mark Wagner, you might be interested to learn that there is a similar exhibit of his work occurring closer to home. Now through September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Saint Kate Art's Hotel in downtown Milwaukee there is a money show occurring that features a selection of Mark's work. Admission is completely free of charge, so if you have a chance to visit I would strongly encourage it. Feel free to visit the following link online for additional information: <https://www.saintkatearts.com/>.

Please communicate with myself or Jim H. if you are able to bring a selection of refreshments to one of the upcoming meetings. I will bring the snacks again for the June meeting since there were leftovers from last month, but it would be much appreciated if we could get additional volunteers for the remaining months of the year. Please see the accompanying calendar for details.

I hope that everyone had a great Memorial Day holiday and was able to get out and do something fun besides yard work. It is now official, so let the summer festivities begin!

Happy Collecting,  
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Source: Mark Wagner



# MN\$ 2021

## Schedule

Monthly meetings for 2021 are ready to commence. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

## Monthly meeting programs

Jan 21:	General Business/Show & Tell
Feb 18:	General Business/Show & Tell
March 18:	General Business/Show & Tell
April 15:	General Business/Show & Tell
May 20:	Spring Auction
June 17:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
July 15:	Open
Aug 19:	Open/ANA Show Recap
Sept 16:	Open
Oct 21:	Raffle Tickets Drawing
Nov 18:	Autumn Auction
Dec 16:	Christmas Party/Office Elections

## Annual Dues

Dues for 2021 are \$10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886. Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

## Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

## 2021 Numismatic Events

June 27:	Elgin Coin Club Show Holiday Inn at 495 Airport Rd. Elgin, IL (8-3 PM)
Aug. 8:	Beaver Dam Coin Club Show American Legion Post 300 Beichl Ave. (9-3 PM)
Aug. 8:	Wisconsin Valley Coin Show Quality Inn, Wausau 2901 Hummingbird Rd (9-4 PM)
Aug. 10-14:	ANA World's Fair of Money Rosemont, IL
Oct. 3:	MNS Coin Show (at Serb Hall?) 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. (9-4 PM)
Oct. 24:	Elgin Coin Club Show Holiday Inn at 495 Airport Rd. Elgin, IL (8-3 PM)
Apr. 22-23, 2022:	SSCC Coin Show, Four Points Sheraton Airport
Apr. 23, 2022:	40 <sup>th</sup> annual MNS Scout Clinic at Four Points Sheraton Airport

## Refreshment Schedule

May 20:	Justin P.
June 17:	Justin P.
July 15:	Gary B.
Aug 19:	Open
Sept 16:	Open
Oct 21:	Open
Nov 18:	Open
Dec 16:	Christmas Party

## Scout Merit Badge Clinic

The virus forced us to cancel our Scouting Coin Collecting merit badge clinic two years in a row. But, as they say, the third time's a charm, so stay tuned as we get ready to resume in 2022. As usual, it will be held in conjunction with the South Shore coin show, now at a new (former) location, at Grange and Howell Avenues, across from the airport entrance.



# Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes  
May 20, 2021

President Justin Perrault called the 1,015<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MNS to order at 6:10 PM. There were 15 members in attendance and 2 guests. The president led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Door prizes were won by: Leon A; Dan M (guest); Jordan H; Robert M; Jeff G; John B; Steve J; Tom S; John R; Leon S; Ray J (guest).

**Coin of the Month:** Steve J. went home with the coin of the month, a 2020 "W" mintmark Tallgrass Prairie quarter with the "V75" privy mark encapsulated by NGC as a first release graded MS64, with a winning bid of \$40.00.

**Second Chance Raffle:** Jordan H. was winner of the raffle, 30 tickets being sold for \$1.00 each, the prize being an ungraded specimen of the same quarter offered as Coin of the Month.

**Treasurer Report:** April showed net receipts of \$220.00, net disbursements of \$398.13, and \$0.87 interest, for a net negative net cash flow of \$177.26.

**Correspondence:** Copies of the May and June 2021 issues of *Numismatist* were received.

**Programming:** Additional volunteers are needed to bring refreshments through the end of the year. A number of local coin shows are scheduled to occur. The June meeting activity will be general show and tell with an emphasis on non-numismatic related items.

**Member Application:** Membership application of Randy Thern was considered and voted upon by the membership. Motion by Leon S. to approve, seconded by Leon A, with unanimous approval.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** The sale of Serb Hall is stalled and remains uncertain. As a result, per a report submitted by Paul K. via e-mail, the Club is still investigating and considering alternate venues.

**Auction:** A break was taken at 6:35 PM for refreshments and lot viewing. Meeting reconvened at 6:50 PM with Dave H. serving as auctioneer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM by President Perrault.

**Respectfully submitted by President (and acting secretary) Justin Perrault**

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**Editorial Comment—Great Job, Mr. President, and thanks!! And thanks to Dave Hunsicker who ran the May auction, where a "lot" of good fun was had by all.**



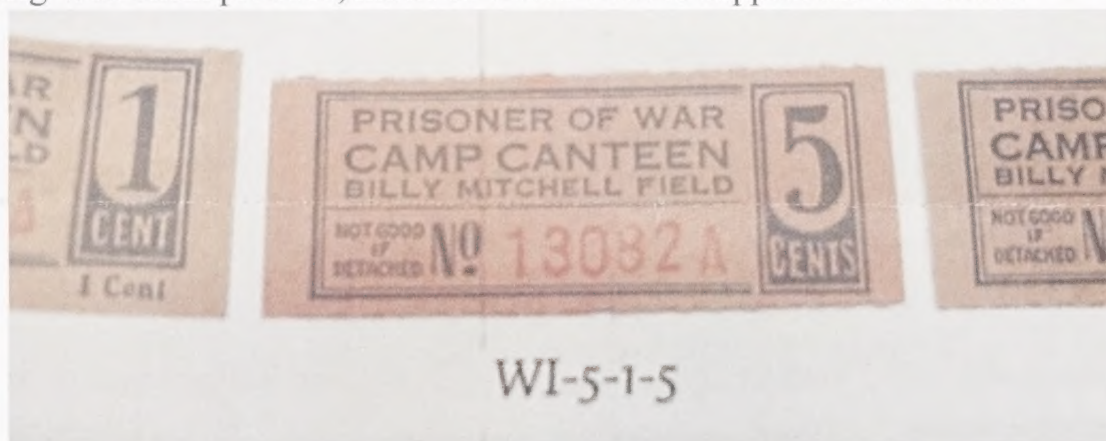
## The Herbert A. Nieman Company Canning Plant and Seafood Restaurant By Peter Jacobsohn

The March 2021 issue of the MNS News contained a very interesting article written by Tom Casper. He wrote about a stock certificate issued by the Cambria Canning Co. of Cambria, WI and the German POW'S who worked at the canning company during WWII.

It brought to mind a recently written memoir about an employee of the Herman A. Nieman Canning Plant. The plant was located in Mequon, WI and had German POW workers during the war years. The memoir written by his daughter was based on her father's recollections and communications with surviving German POW's after the war. His responsibilities at the plant included transporting and supervising the POW's who worked there.

In her book, *Stalag Wisconsin*, Betty Cowley indicated that of the over 400,000 POW's in the U.S., 20,000 were located in Wisconsin. Most were German but some Japanese and Italians were also among them. Prior to 1942 most prisoners were housed in Britain. However, as the numbers increased, Britain's resources for maintaining the prisoners became unsustainable. After much discussion, the U.S. agreed to accept thousands of POW's. They lived and worked in 155 base camps and 500 branch camps throughout the U.S. In southeast Wisconsin branch camps were located at Billy Mitchell Field, Rockfield, Genesee and Sturtevant.

The memoir indicated that her father would pick up 50 POW's from Camp Billy Mitchell Field every work day. At least 12 would be taken to the Nieman Company Plant. And the rest were taken to local farms. The Nieman plant dated to 1908. Its initial use was to process and distribute food to the many fox farms that were in Wisconsin and Michigan. Eventually it turned to processing Wisconsin produce, much of which went to support the war effort.

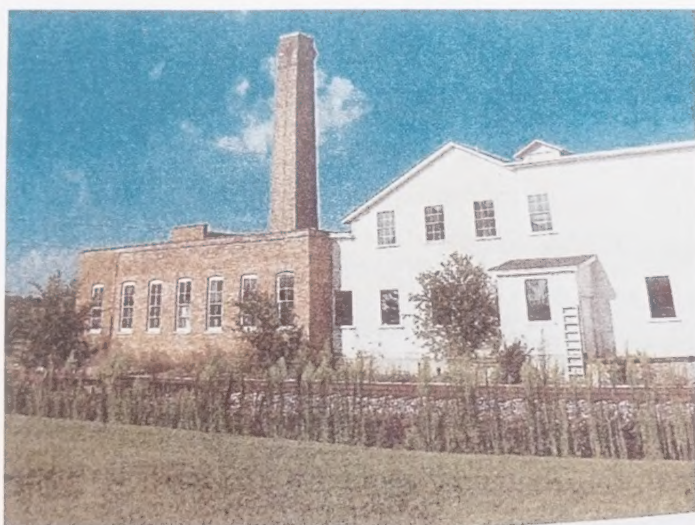


The Geneva Convention mandated that the prisoners would be paid for working. The scale was 80 cents/day. They were paid with camp chits that could be used to purchase items in the camp canteen or saved in a personal account that could be redeemed at repatriation. The memoir included a photo of a Camp Billy Mitchell field chit. The 2019 book, *World War II USA POW and Internment Camp Chits*, by Dave Frank and David Seelye indicates that the Camp Billy Mitchell Field chits were issued in three denominations – 1 cent, 5 cents and 10 cents. They are quite rare and very collectible today.



Another photo in the memoir shows the Herbert A. Nieman Company plant as it would have appeared in the war years. I have included a photo of how the remaining building of the plant looks today. The main building underwent extensive renovation and was re-purposed as the St. Paul Fish Co. Restaurant as part of the Fox Town development in Mequon. It is a first-rate seafood restaurant. If you want to experience some good food and a part of Wisconsin history, I highly recommend it.

Post-war interviews with former POW's indicated that for the most part they felt they were fairly treated. They were glad to be out of the war. Among other things, educational and cultural opportunities had been provided. Many thousands returned to the U.S. after repatriation and became citizens. In one Wisconsin district the departing POW's surrendered some of their chits before returning to their homeland and made a \$9000 donation to a charitable fund, thereby leaving a legacy.###





## Badges of Milwaukee Old Settlers Clubs

By Fred Borgmann

The original Milwaukee Old Settlers Club was established on July 5, 1869 and functioned much like an exclusive historical society. They held meetings, erected historical markers and assembled a collection of Milwaukee "historical relics" which eventually became the core collection of the Milwaukee County Museum. Originally, membership was limited to honorable males who had settled in Milwaukee before Jan. 1, 1839. Such membership restrictions severely limit an organization's life span and the membership requirements gradually evolved to include later dates, descendants of settlers, and women. The requirements were hotly debated and several regional splinter groups formed as a result.

All of this led to some interesting membership pins. Keep in mind that membership medals were important back then and were worn at meetings and other club events. Lapel pins, which are more convenient to wear, exist in pin back and screw back forms. I believe that most of the pin backs were for the female members and the screw backs for us clumsier males. The original Milwaukee Old Settlers Club membership medals were gilt silver and suspended from a named broach. The obverse shows a settler and a Native American with clasped hands. The reverse features the Milwaukee City Seal. On the later versions there is a cud from a chipped die on the reverse rim between 6 and 7 o'clock.



Next in alphabetical order is the North Side Old Settlers Club. Their pins feature a homesteader plowing with a team of oxen to the left on the larger badges and pins, and to the right on the smallest pins with hinged pin back pins.

North West Old Settlers Club chose a very ornamentally shaped pin which shows a cabin with a well. They also had a ladies pin with the word "Damen" which is the German word for ladies, clearly showing that they had a strong Germanic connection and that their membership was open to women.





West Side Old Settlers Club features just a cabin without a well. Made by Schwaab of Milwaukee, this medal originally belonged to a member of the Milwaukee Light Horse Squadron, Fred W. Cords.###

